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PreS-Gr 2-Capucilli's progressive rebus story, ... la "The House That Jack Built," features various animals awakening, getting ready, and making their way across town to the zoo just in time to assume their places before the gates open to the public. The verse takes on the familiar structure, "Here is the parrot that stretched/and squawked/that woke up the tiger that/growled and stalked/that woke up the lion/starting to roar-." Arnold's detailed illustrations add dimension and interest to the story, from his image of a large alarm clock striking five as the parrot jolts up in bed to the lion growling at the table while eating fried eggs and spilling coffee. The silliness of the plot is reinforced with the popping bug eyes of all the animals that end the tale by lounging in the various zoo habitats. This fun, cumulative story, similar to this creative team's *Inside a Barn in the Country* (Scholastic, 1995), will help preschoolers develop a sense of progression and give emerging readers a boost of confidence.-Laura Scott, Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham, MI

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Ages 2-5. The rhyming, cumulative text begins, "Here is the [parrot] that stretched/ and squawked / that woke the [tiger] that growled and stalked." The book substitutes a jovial little picture of an animal for each bracketed word, making this a rebus and offering playful practice for children who can't quite read yet. Here's the unspoken premise that emerges in the illustrations: the zoo animals sleep each night in their apartments in the city. It's five in the morning when they begin to wake up one another. One by one, they climb aboard a city bus and ride to their day jobs. They disembark and trundle off to their areas, where they look as sleepy as zoo critters often do. Now we know why! Arnold's playful line-and-wash drawings, textured with his signature squiggles, will amuse children on every page. Even parents will smile at the bus-riding chicken absorbed in reading the *Stock Market News*. Good fun. *Carolyn Phelan*
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